# BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST	) PDC CASE NO.: 02-269
GARY LONG	FINAL ORDER IMPOSING FINE
Respondent.	)

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (Commission) conducted an enforcement hearing under chapters 34.05 and 42.17 RCW and chapter 390-37 WAC on May 21, 2002 with respect to the above-encaptioned matter. The Commission held the hearing at Evergreen Plaza Building, Room 206, 711 Capitol Way South, in Olympia, Washington. The Respondent appeared at the hearing, both personally and through his attorney of record, Lisa Marshall, City Attorney for the City of Burien. The Staff appeared through Phil Stutzman, Director of Compliance. The Commission held the hearing to determine whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17.130 by authorizing the distribution of a fact sheet preceding the 2001 general election that opposed Initiative 747.

During the hearing, the Staff presented, for the Commission's consideration, the Report of Investigation dated February 8, 2002, the Brief Enforcement Hearing Memorandum issued on February 11, 2002, and the parties' Stipulation of Facts and Violation dated May 21, 2002.

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Specifically, the parties agreed that the Report of Investigation and the Brief Enforcement Hearing Memorandum contain accurate statements of fact, except as noted in the Stipulation of Facts and Violation. The parties' Stipulation is attached to this Order and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Commission heard oral argument from the Respondent and Staff concerning the amount of penalty that should be assessed.

### ORDER

Based on the record submitted in this matter, the Commission orders as follows:

- 1. That the Stipulation of Facts and Violation is accepted;
- 2. That the Respondent committed a single violation of RCW 42.17.130;
- 3. That a total civil penalty of \$1,000.00 is assessed against the Respondent.
- 4. That public funds may not be expended to pay the Respondent's civil penalty.

#### <u>RECONSIDERATION</u>

Any party may ask the Commission to reconsider this final order. Parties must place their requests for reconsideration in writing, include the specific grounds or reasons for the request, and deliver the request to the Public Disclosure Commission Office within TEN (10) days of the date that the Commission serves this order upon the party. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470(3), the Public Disclosure Commission is deemed to have denied the petition for reconsideration if, within twenty (20) days from the date the petition is filed, the Commission does not either dispose of the petition or serve the parties with written notice specifying the date by which it will act on the petition. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.470(5), the Respondent is not required to ask the Public Disclosure Commission to reconsider the final order before seeking judicial review by a superior court.

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#### APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to RCW 42.17.395(5), a final order issued by the Public Disclosure Commission is subject to judicial review under the Administrative Procedures Act, chapter 34.05 RCW. Pursuant to RCW 34.05.542(2), a petition for judicial review must be filed with the superior court in Thurston County or the petitioner's county of residence or principal place of business. The petition for judicial review must be served on the Public Disclosure Commission and any other parties within 30 days of the date that the Public Disclosure Commission serves this final order on the parties.

If reconsideration is properly sought, the petition for judicial review must be served on the Public Disclosure Commission and any other parties within thirty (30) days after the Commission acts on the petition for reconsideration. The Commission will seek to enforce this final order in superior court under RCW 42.17.395-397, and recover legal costs and attorney's fees, if the penalty remains unpaid and no petition for judicial review has been filed under chapter 34.05 RCW. This action will be taken without further order by the Commission.

DATED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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VICKI RIPPIE, Executive Director

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